

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 2-17, 19, 20 and 22-27 will be active in the application subsequent to entry of this Amendment.

In response to the requirement for restriction as set out in item 1 of the Official Action, applicants elect the subject matter of Group II drawn to an alignment layer and a liquid crystal cell using the photo polymerisable mixture. This response is made with traverse for the reasons explained below.

In this Amendment the definition of the polymerisable mixture has been incorporated from claim 1 into claim 19 rendering claim 19 fully independent. As a consequence, claim 1 has been deleted as redundant. The remaining claims 2-17 have been amended and rewritten so as to depend from newly independent claim 19. In this process new claim 27 was added to provide antecedent basis for claims 4 and 5, the expression "short chain" not being part of any of the previously appearing claims. Some minor spacing/display issues were corrected in claim 10 and other adjustments and clarifications made to claims 15 and 17.

The requirement for restriction is traversed to the extent that (1) the newly amended claims 2-17 and 27 should be considered within the elected subject matter as they have been amended to do so and (2) claims 24 and 25, directed to a method of making the alignment layer, should be rejoined once the elected claims have been examined and found to be allowable.

The claims remaining in the application, namely claims 24-26 are directed to non-elected subject matter.

An examination on the merits is awaited taking into account (1) the documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 14, 2005, which is based upon the International Search Report, a copy of which (including references) is part of the Official Record of this application according to the Notice of Acceptance mailed October 18, 2005 and (2) the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement listing the patent documents identified and discussed on page 1 of the specification.

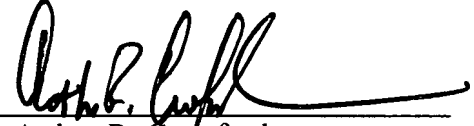
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